

**MINUTES OF BOARD**

**MEETING**

September 13, 2000  
City Council Chambers  
City of La Quinta  
78-495 Calle Tampico  
La Quinta, CA 92253

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The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Colorado River Basin Region, was called to order by Chair Michael Smith at 10:00 a.m. on September 13, 2000, in the City Council Chambers, City of La Quinta, California.

**1. Roll Call**

The following Board Members were present: Mary Ann E. Martin Andreas, Elvera Codekas, Don Cox, Gary Johnson, Michael Smith, Brenda Soulliere, and Nancy Wright.

**2. Staff Present**

Jeff Allred, Adnan Al-Sarabi, Jose Angel, Summer Bundy, John Carmona, Liann Chavez, Orlando Gonzalez, Beatrice Griffey, Phil Gruenberg, Sylvia Holmes, Richard Howe, Robert Perdue, Judy Reed, Rex Sharp, Joan Stormo, Kristie Taylor, Hilda Vasquez and Alex McKay (Student Assistant).

**3. Others Present**

Steve Bigley, Coachella Valley Water District  
Manuel Castaneda, Heber Public Utility District  
A.P. Fisichelli, Montgomery Watson  
Mary Jane Forster, State Water Resources Control Board  
Lori Gualco, Palm Springs Landscape Company  
Randy Hines, City of El Centro  
Ron Helm, Lowney Associates  
Bill Kagele, Naval Air Facility El Centro  
Karen O'Haire, State Water Resources Control Board  
Gregory O'Hara, Thelen Reid and Priest LLP  
Fred Rivera, Naval Air Facility El Centro  
Hank Snyder, Salton Community Services District  
Jennie Snyder, Imperial County Farm Bureau  
Scot Stormo, Earth Systems Southwest  
Steve Wade, Sack and Ruderman  
Robert Zierden, Borrego Springs

**4. Minutes of Meeting of June 28, 2000**

MOTION: Ms. Codekas moved, Mr. Cox seconded, and motion carried unanimously that the minutes be approved as submitted.

## **5. Uncontested Waste Discharge Requirements**

### NPDES Permits

- 00-093      United States Navy, Owner, Naval Air Facility, El Centro, Operator, Treated Groundwater Discharge - El Centro, Imperial County
- 00-100      Heber Public Utility District, Owner, Manuel R. Castaneda, Operator, Municipal Wastewater Treatment Plant – Heber, Imperial County

### Waste Discharge Requirements

- 00-057      City of Needles, Owner/Operator, Municipal Wastewater Treatment Plant – Needles, San Bernardino County
- 00-094      Salton Community Services District, Owner/Operator, Salton City Wastewater Treatment Plant - Salton City, Imperial County
- 00-101      Gem Resources, LLC, Plant and Wellfield Owner, U.S. Department of Interior, Bureau of Land Management, Land Owner, FPL Energy, Agent for Plant and Wellfield Owner, FPL Energy Operating Services, Inc., Plant and Wellfield Operator, East Mesa Geothermal Project – Plant East Mesa (PEM) Units 5 & 6, Facility Name, Geothermal Wellfield, Containment Basins/Mud Pits, Above Ground Modular Containment Structure, and Holding Pond – Southeast of Holtville, Imperial County
- 00-102      Ormesa Geothermal, Plant Owner, ESI Ormesa IE Resource, LLC, Wellfield Owner, U.S. Department of Interior, Bureau of Land Management, Land Owner, FPL Energy, Agent for the Plant and Wellfield Owner, FPL Energy Operating Services, Inc., Operator, East Mesa Geothermal Project – Plant East Mesa (PEM) Unit 2, Facility Name, Geothermal Wellfield and Containment Basins/Mud Pits – Southeast of Holtville, Imperial County
- 00-103      Ormesa Geothermal, Plant and Wellfield Owner, U.S. Department of Interior, Bureau of Land Management, Land Owner, FPL Energy, Agent for the Plant and Wellfield Owner, FPL Energy Operating Services, Inc., Operator, East Mesa Geothermal Project – Plant East Mesa (PEM) Unit 1, Facility Name, Geothermal Wellfield and Containment Basins/Mud Pits – Southeast of Holtville, Imperial County
- MOTION:      Ms. Wright moved, Mr. Johnson seconded, and motion carried unanimously that Orders No. 00-057, 00-093, 00-094, 00-100, 00-101, 00-102 and 00-103, including the errata, be adopted.

## **6. Compliance with Cleanup and Abatement Order No. 97-145, Meaders Cleaners**

Lori Gualco, Esq., Gregory O'Hara, Esq. and Robert Perdue, Regional Board staff, reported on the progress towards compliance with Cleanup and Abatement Order No. 97-145.

## **7. Reportable Violations of the California Water Code**

The Executive Officer referred the Board to the Reportable Violations listed under Item 12 of the Agenda.

## **8. Informational Update on State Board Activities**

Mary Jane Forster expressed her appreciation for the Salton Sea Tour on September 12, 2000. She announced that there would be a WQCC Meeting in Sacramento on November 3, 2000. She also briefly discussed pending legislative bills that may be of interest to the Regional Board.

## **9. Regional Board Executive Officer's Report**

Phil Gruenberg, Executive Officer, reported on the issuance and status of ACLC's for Centinela State Prison, City of Imperial, City of Coachella and City of Brawley.

## **10. Regional Board Staff Report**

John Carmona reported on the system failure of August 30, 2000 at Coachella Valley Water District in which approximately 1.2 million gallons of undisinfected sewage effluent was discharged into the Coachella Valley Stormwater Channel.

Jose Angel reported that the Draft Silt TMDL for the Alamo River and the Draft Pathogen TMDL for the New River have been completed and were sent to OCC and DWQ for review and comments. He also discussed the status of the New River/Mexicali Project, wetlands projects in Imperial County, and the Salton Sea Restoration Project.

## **11. Chair's Report**

Michael Smith reported that he and Board Member Nancy Wright attended the Sacramento Budget Hearing on August 2, 2000.

## **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.